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To: Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: E Chicago Demolition of SF homes at Superfund site

Thanks for being so accommodating on such short notice.

I'm just busy Wed AM - anything else will work

I look forward to discussing this
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On Thu, August 7, 2014 5:12 pm, Berkoff, Michael wrote:

> Eugene,
 > We would be happy to meet with you. Based upon your email, we have a
 > number of things to discuss. Would you be available Tuesday or Wednesday
 > of next week? Mindy, Steve, and Jim please also let me know if you are
 > available either of those days.
 > Michael

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 > -----Original Message-----
 > From: Goldfarb, Eugene [mailto:egoldf1@uic.edu]
 > Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 2:13 PM
 > To: Berkoff, Michael
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 > Is there any time next week (or Friday) when it'd be convenient to sit
 > down & talk?

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 > Looking forward to working with you
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 > ----- Original Message -----
 > Subject: RE: E Chicago Superfund Demolition
 > From: "Winna Guzman" <WGuzman@eastchicago.com>
 > Date: Thu, August 7, 2014 1:03 pm
 > To: "Goldfarb, Eugene" <egoldf1@uic.edu>

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 > Hi Eugene,

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 > Thank you again! I have forwarded an email to M.Berkoff and advised him
 > that you will be working with the City and that you would be contacting
 > him in the near future.

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 > Winna G. Guzman, Building Commissioner
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Goldfarb, Eugene [mailto:egoldf1@uic.edu]

> Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 12:07 PM

> To: Winna Guzman; Maria C. Becerra

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> Subject: E Chicago Superfund Demolition

> Thanks again for showing me around and setting up a meeting with the Mayor
> and City Attorney yesterday. I'm looking forward to working on this
> project!!

> My understanding is that we're trying to coordinate the USEPA Superfund
> cleanup with the demolition of 27 properties (single family homes) funded
> through the State's hardest hit program.
> <http://www.877gethope.org/blight>

> The Mayor understands that we're all dealing with the same taxpayers & it
> doesn't make sense to remove the soil & replace with fill, & then go back
> & demolish the structures later - that the government should do everything
> as part of one coordinated operation in order to reduce overall time and
> expenses, as well as disruption to the community. The hope is that the
> City/State demolition funding can be mixed with the USEPA cleanup funding
> to provide the most efficient use of public money.

> When I look at USEPA's administrative record on the cleanup I see the
> remedial action objectives were supposed to include citizen participation
> and "anticipate future land use scenarios" but I didn't see any
> recognition of the deleterious effect designation and the prolonged
> cleanup have had on the neighborhood - the home abandonment and the spread
> of slum & blight, nor any indication that USEPA is willing to recognize
> that these factors are part of the overall problem (& solution). I think
> there is some authority that this should take place.

> 40 CFR 300.430 (a)(1)(ii)(C) provides that Site-specific data needs, the
> evaluation of alternatives, and the documentation of the selected remedy
> ***should reflect the scope and complexity of the site problems being
> addressed.***

> and 300.430 (c) (2)(ii)(A) provides that EPA should

> Ensure the public appropriate opportunities for involvement in a wide
> variety of site-related decisions, including site analysis and
> characterization, alternatives analysis, and selection of remedy;

> The Mayor said that he's looking forward to a full blown meeting with him,
> the City Attorney & USEPA but I'd like to start discussions with USEPA and
> hopefully work something out before we bring the Mayor in. Have you had a
> chance to contact Mike Berkoff so that he'll be expecting my call/email?

> On my end Beth Grigsby of Cardno ATC is on board but we're waiting to hear
> from TAB to see if we can do this under TAB or not. Given the Mayor's
> desire to move as quickly as possible I've started to work on this even
> before we work that out.

> All the best
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